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I think the proposal is, generally, with merit. I would, however, like to see a limit on the frequencies allowed for such drills. Generally speaking, these drills are confined to small geographic areas, and if the transmission is within the context of a drill or exercise, should be restricted to frequencies above 144MHz. I don't think anyone would argue with that point. In an actual emergency, I think it is well understood that any frequency is valid to transmit an emergency message, so the frequency restriction would not have any effect on a valid emergency communication. There are active firefighters on my local fire department who hold an amateur radio license. My community would benefit from this rule change.